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A Desperate Struggle for the Possession of Rhode Island.

THE BIG PARTY GUNS

Trained to Bring Down All the Votes They Can in Little Rhody.

IMPORTANCE OF THE OUTCOME.

Charges of Wholesale Corruption Already Heard Upon Every Side.

Little Show for a Joint Debate on the Tariff—McKinley and Reed Ready to Talk Against Cleveland and Campbell, but the Latter Gentlemen Won't Be Allowed to Meet the Protection Champions—Ohio's Executive Gets in Some Hard Words at Pawtucket—The Tariff Acknowledged the Main Issue—Cleveland to Be the Star To-Day—Colonel Dudley's Appearance on the Scene Raises the Cry of Lots of Boogie for Everybody.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 1.—Little Rhode Island has been fairly carpeted with greenbacks, if one-half of the charges and counter-charges of the politicians can be credited. The initial campaign of 1892 is a white heat, and the cry of boogie alternates with the tariff and free trade arguments of the most prominent Republicans and Democrats of the nation who have descended into this narrow neck of woods in the determined effort of each party to score the first victory of the Presidential year.

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Other Meetings Throughout the State.

This was but one of many rallies held throughout the State to-night. Ex-Speaker Reed and Hon. J. C. Collier, of Iowa, addressed an audience which could not get inside of the Opera House at Woonsocket. Mr. Reed gave a large share of his attention to the Democratic position on silver, and said the Republican party was the bulwark which was defending the business interests of the country.

Two Republican meetings were held in Providence, at one of which Senator Frye, of Maine, and General Grosvenor, of Ohio, were the chief orators. Mr. Frye told his audience that the Democratic party in Rhode Island this spring would be an almost irretrievable disaster. He added: "The protective tariff makes the foreigner help pay our taxes, run our schools, and build our roads."

Minor Republican meetings were also held at Cranston, Warren, Natick and Mansfield. The Democrats were by no means idle either. Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, the idol of the younger element of the party, held forth this evening in aristocratic Newport. He devoted practically all of his attention to the tariff, and urged the tariff in the interest of free raw material for New England manufacturers, though he took occasion to deny that the Democratic party is in favor of free trade.

At Woonsocket, the Democratic candidate for Governor, spoke from the same platform with Russell. Congressman McAdoo and Bryan held forth in opposition to Reed at Woonsocket. At other Democratic meetings were held at Chepachet, Johnston, Ashton and Providence, where the People's party also went through the motions of making a demonstration. BAXNORT.

DR. PARKHURST SUSTAINED.

THE NEW YORK POLICE IS SCORED BY THE GRAND JURY.

Corruption Plainly Imputed—The Department Fully Aware of the Illegal Existence of Saloons, Low Dives and Gambling Houses.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The grand jury investigating the evidence presented by Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, and his agents as to the existence of gambling and disorderly houses, as well as the general violation of the excise laws, without interference by the police, brought in a presentment at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It says that, owing to the public charges against the efficiency of the Police Department in suppressing vice and arresting law breakers, the grand jury has spent considerable time investigating the matter. It is apparent to all that gambling houses, saloons and low dives are in open violation of the law, and the police are fully aware of their existence. The only raids made upon them are made by citizens. In fact, there is no appearance of police interference with the operation of saloons, low dives and gambling houses.

From such facts the grand jury says that the best reasons for condemning the inactivity of the police are presented. They are either incompetent to do what citizens have done, or else they are open to charges of corruption. The general efficiency of the police and their ability to copy and arrive at the truth is in question. It is, therefore, the grand jury has no alternative but to adopt the theory of corruption as the reason for their inactivity in the matters mentioned.

The grand jury also recommends that the owners of houses be held responsible for the illegal charges on them, if it be immoral or illegal to have a saloon, low dive or gambling house in some measure responsible for the information given to one "Dink" Davis that a warrant was out for a raid on his gambling place. Recorder Smyth said that he would call the attention of the proper authorities to the presentments without delay.

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WILL ROCKWELL BE HUNG?

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NOT SUCH A SHREWD MAN

As His Ardent Admirers Had Credited Him With Being.

NOW AT THE END OF HIS ROPE.

His Meddling at Both Ends of the Capitol Too Officers.

DAZZELL'S HAPPY HIT ON THE TARIFF

(SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC LETTER.) BUREAU OF THE DISPATCH.

It is said that Senator Hill, of New York, does not sleep well 'nights these times. As Hon. Tim Campbell put it, when making an excuse for not being present to vote against the silver bill, he is "perfectly saturated with somnia."

But Senator Hill's "somnia" is not a result of indigestion or of nervous excitement, but of a state of mind which he can best describe as that of a man who has been turned against him when his Southern tour seems to have been dissipated. His presence in the Senate is not felt.

Great in New York, where Tammany is king and where Tammany methods and ambitions are the ideal politics, among the fine minds and in the dignified presence of the Senate he shrinks into just what he is—a timid and a shrewd man of the most wretched type. He realizes that he has been discovered, and that all he gained before discovery is slipping from his grasp. He is as injudicious as he is shallow.

Hill Killing Himself by Meddling. Accustomed, after the manner of his kind, to take a hand in all that transpired in politics at his home, he has been meddling in a state since he was elected to the Senate. He has had no business in the Senate, he undertook to interfere with and direct the operations of the House. His assurance often reaches the height of colossal impudence. He signalled his first week in the Senate by an attempt to bring in a bill which he either incompetent to do what citizens have done, or else they are open to charges of corruption.

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A STATE OF UPROAR

Throughout All the District Where Hochstetler Was Waylaid and Killed.

MURDERED BY MILLERS.

One of the Moonshiner's Sons Gives Himself Dead Away and

CONFESSES THE WHOLE AFFAIR.

He is Safely Locked Up, but His Father is Too Well Hidden.

THE FINDING OF HOCHSTETLER'S BODY

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) ROCKWELL, PA., April 1.—This entire district for miles, reaching far into Somerset and Fayette counties, is in a state of uproar over the murder of old man Hochstetler and the arrest to-day of one of his murderers, Bob Miller, while gangs of citizens and two Sheriff's posse rode the hills for the rest of the moonshine gang. The arrest of young Bob Miller forms another chapter of the most remarkable history this moonshine district has ever experienced.

After young Beale told his fearful story of the murder of old man Hochstetler, several bands of farmers started out to look for the body, but the son of the moonshine gang was so universal that they faltered and turned back. Then a local Justice of the peace of the village of Trent Postoffice took up the search, and was followed by a score of farmers, all armed. While in the most lonely part of the mountain, only a few rods from where Hochstetler was killed, the posse was joined by young Bob Miller, a handsome youth of 23 years of age, who casually inquired where they were going and for what they were looking.

A Moonshiner's Chilly Reception. Bob is a son of William Miller, the reputed leader of the moonshiners who killed Hochstetler, and who was strongly suspected of being concerned in the killing. The young fellow met with a cold reception from the uneasy farmers, but cheerfully volunteered to accompany them to the scene. The young recruit at once suggested that the more thorough examination be made of the scene of the murder.

A half dozen men followed Miller's lead, and in a few minutes after reaching the ground one of the searchers discovered a flat stone, all bloody. The stone was turned over and a man's brains, almost entire, were found beneath it.

"Here's the body!" exclaimed one searcher down Crab Run. The searcher was young Miller, and at his feet lay the body of old man Hochstetler. The cabin, which was crushed to a pulp, and his feet lay partly in the pool. His body was bare to the waist, the skin torn and scratched, it having evidently fallen through the ground underbrush for a long distance.

Meanwhile, Hochstetler's sons were not idle. They are a brawny set of young men, the pride of their father, who was celebrated for his strength and courage. Harvey, Jollo, Bula and Wesley, and after hearing the description given by Beale of the murderer, they did not leave the young fellow to go on the testimony of a stranger. They saw at Hochstetler's funeral was remarkable for its quietness. The old wife sat apart and would talk to no one. The four sons were present, subdued, but determined.

The Secrecy of the Vendetta. Everywhere there was the secrecy of the vendetta. All were silent. The search was not, and probably with good reason, for among the rough mountaineers there were many friends of the dead man. The searchers were all well known to the murdered man, which had just been told at the house at intervals during the past three days, saying that he was busy in the mountains with the boys.

"The last time he left," said the youth, "he took his rifle and said he was going to shoot a catamount."

"How was your father dressed?" asked Harvey.

"Well, he had on his old slouch hat, and had his pants in his rubber boots, 'cause he was going to cross the creek."

"That's the man who did the shooting?" cried young Beale, who had hitherto remained silent.

The party then returned to Trent, where they were met with the information that young Miller had made a full confession to the constable who led him down the mountain. "Square Miller, of Trent, at once decided to hold a hearing, and young Miller was the first witness called in his own defense.

Confession of Young Miller. Miller is a bright, handsome fellow, and without a word of protest, made a clean breast of the whole affair so far as he knew. He said:

"I knew they intended to kill poor old Hochstetler, and I told them a dozen times that I would inform them as soon as I got a chance, and they would not listen. The last I was told to go to Trent for a few things we needed around the house. I was sitting in the room writing out a letter to my goods I wanted. When father came in he told me to get up and down the road to get to me, and I went out in my shirt sleeves. Bill Pritts, one of the gang, was standing on the hill and he was waving his hand. A beer bottle filled with whisky, and told me to take a pull at it. 'Then put on your coat and hat and come with me. I saw Bill. The detectives are on our track at last, and they will take us down the road and get us. Then Pritts leaned toward me and whispered hoarsely, 'We'll go to the road and watch them as they go.'"

"I saw a man coming along the road from the direction of Trent. It was too far away for me to see, but Pritts seemed to know who it was, and pretty soon I saw it was Hochstetler. Pap said to Pritts: 'Bill,

SHAKING THE SACK.

Eager Crowds Throng the Court Room While the License Judges

HAND DOWN THE PRIZES.

Very Little Change in the Number of Saloons in Pittsburgh.

OPENING HOURS ARE TO BE FIXED.

Anticipated Increase in the City's Revenue Not Realized.

SEVERAL APPLICANTS HELD OVER

An experiment of hanging the list down court was tried yesterday for a second time, but it was not a success. The hall was crowded to suffocation, and all the applicants and their friends were simply piling over each other in their mad attempt to hear what was going on. The crowds in the hall were in a constant uproar. Judge Collier made a number of announcements and then said that notwithstanding the applications filed were defective in one respect or another. They were modified to three-fourths. Most of the trouble was in the bonds, where one man appeared on more than one bond and was not qualified each time that he was worth \$4,000 or more. This was quite a reflection on the intelligence of the lawyers and aldermen who have been trying to decipher the meaning of the Brooks law for the past five years and to learn how to fill out these papers.

Lost Their Fear of the Court. Finally the Judge produced the list made out the night before, and without telling what it contained, handed it to Clerk of Courts McCunnage. Then there was a wild rush for the Clerk's office. Big fat saloon keepers and fat men who would like to be stuffed the stairways to overflowing. The judges tried to stay the rush from the court room, but the fear of being hauled up for contempt of court was nothing when the license list went down stairs for public inspection. The crowds reached the clerk's office long before Mr. McCunnage got there, and every bit of space was taken up. Each wanted to know first about his particular case, and they became so unruly that deputy sheriff had to be called in to preserve order until the clerk could make the list public.

There was a howl, of course. More than one said it would bring the Sheriff down on him, and the old stagers who have bucked the license "tiger" for five years and drew blanks each time, hung their heads and concluded the Brooks act had never been framed for their benefit. Aside from these individual statements there was a general cry because the list of drinking places for this year will be but very few more than last year. It was thought the estimate of Councils for 425 to 450 licensed houses would be more closely followed by the Court. As it is, the receipts from liquor licenses will fall \$50,000 below the estimate in the appropriation ordinance. This general cry was not so very effective, however, as only 38 of the old license holders were left out of the new list.

Secret Revenue Officer Fisher, who is now leading the posse to Trent, where the Hochstetler boys will join him, is a remarkable man. He is